

SI 940 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Establishes the law enforcement training and community safety act.

Adopts a "good faith" standard for law enforcement officer use of deadly force.

Requires law enforcement officers in the state to: (1) Receive violence de-escalation training and periodically receive continuing violence de-escalation training to practice their skills, update their knowledge and training, and learn about new legal requirements and violence de-escalation strategies; and

(2) Receive mental health training and periodically receive continuing mental health training to update their knowledge about mental health issues and associated legal requirements and to update and practice skills for interacting with people with mental health issues.

Requires the criminal justice training commission to: (1) Consult with law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders and adopt rules for carrying out the training requirements; and

(2) In consultation with the Washington state patrol, the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, organizations representing state and local law enforcement officers, health providers and/or health policy organizations, tribes, and community stakeholders, develop guidelines for implementing the duty to render first aid.

Requires the initial violence de-escalation training to educate officers on the good faith standard for use of deadly force established by this act and how that standard advances violence de-escalation goals.

States that the policy of the state is that all law enforcement personnel must render first aid to save lives.